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SUBJ: HERMES DELEGATION VISIT TO WASHINGTON - FRG/
BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL - MEETING WITH LOECK,
CHANCELLERY

REF: BONN (76) 21262 (NODIS), BONN 2295 (NODIS),
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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH LOECK, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE CHANCELLERY, ON FEBRUARY 7, ECON/COMM. MINISTER STRESSED IMPORTANCE THAT WE NOT BE FACED WITH AN IMMEDIATE DECISION AS TO WHETHER GERMAN EXPORT LICENSES BE ISSUED. HE REMINDED LOECK THAT IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT FOR THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO DEAL WITH ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THE BRAZILIAN PROBLEM ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. HE ALSO INQUIRED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THE TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED IN THE LICENSE QUESTION.

2. LOECK REMARKED THAT BY COINCIDENCE THE CHANCELLOR WAS HOLDING HIS MEETING ON THE HERMES WASHINGTON MISSION AT THE SAME TIME AS HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE ECON/COMM. MINISTER. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE HERMES MISSION A GOOD PART OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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THE LICENSES IN QUESTION HAD BEEN APPLIED FOR LAST JUNE AND VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES HAD GONE ON UNTIL OCTOBER, BEFORE WHICH THERE HAD BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE PRESSURE FOR ISSUANCE.

3. LOECK SAID THAT IN THE AUTUMN, IN LIGHT OF CHANGES IN AMERICAN ATTITUDES ON THE SUBJECT AND THE KNOWN

VIEWS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, THE FRG HAD INTENTIONALLY DRAGGED ITS FEET ON THE LICENSES. THE FRG HAD ALSO LOOKED INTO THE LEGAL SITUATION, AS TO WHETHER ON GROUNDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY OR OVERRIDING REASONS OF PUBLIC ORDER, THE LICENSES COULD BE REJECTED. THE BALANCE OF LEGAL JUDGMENT WAS THAT SINCE THE WHOLE MATTER HAD ALREADY GONE THROUGH THE IAEA PROCEEDING, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO UPHOLD THE LEGALITY OF NON-ISSUANCE.

4. LOECK THOUGHT IT WAS HARD TO SAY EXACTLY HOW MUCH LONGER THE FRG COULD RESIST PRESSURES FOR ISSUANCE, BUT WE CONSIDER IT WORTH NOTING THAT HE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT IT HAD TO BE DONE RIGHT AWAY. HE ALSO SAID THE FRG WOULD NEVER ISSUE THE LICENSES WITHOUT LETTING US KNOW BEFOREHAND.

5. LOECK SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT EVEN IF THE DOCUMENTS WERE RELEASED TO THE BRAZILIANS, IT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO DEVELOP THE SENSITIVE FACILITIES WITHOUT GERMAN COOPERATION. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT DOCUMENTATION WOULD ASSIST THE BRAZILIANS IN DEVELOPING SUCH FACILITIES

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